GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3869
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
RECOVERY OF PROPERTY TAX FROM EMBASSIES
P.R. KHUTE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from NDMC regarding recovery of property tex from embassies located in the New Delhi area;

(b) if so, the stand of the Government thereon;

(c) whether Indian Embassies located abroad are also paying such tax; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with Artical 23 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, to which India is a signatory, the national, regional or municipal dues and taxes in respect of all the premisses of the mission whether owned or leased other than such as represent payment for specific services rendered.

(c) & (d) the requesite information are not kept in a centralised method in Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.